

Type of Inspection

New ☒
 Annual ☐
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 1030 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, NC 27699-1030
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INDOOR ☒
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 BOTH ☐

ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTION

GPS Coordinates - N:

36.36739

W:

80.26548

QBSP Number -

- - - - -

BUSINESS NAME: STOKES Co ANIMAL SHELTER LICENSE #: _____

OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: 1999 Sizemore RdTELEPHONE: (336) 994-2788 VMO _____COUNTY STOKESTYPE FACILITY: Animal Shelter ☒ Boarding Kennel ☐ Dealer ☐ Pet Shop ☐ Public Auction ☐Number of Primary Enclosures 21 Animals Present: Dogs 11 Cats 19(12 runs 9 cat cages)

Inspector: Mark "X" in box, if adequate. Circle item number, if inadequate. Use NA if not applicable

STRUCTUREHousing Facilities

- ☒ 1. Structure & Repair
☒ 2. Ventilation & Temp.
☒ 3. Lighting
☒ 4. Ceiling, Wall, Floors
☒ 5. Storage
☒ 6. Water Drainage

Primary Enclosures

- ☒ 7. Structure & Repair
☒ 8. Space
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☒ 10. Adequate Shelter

AMBIENT TEMP 60°F**SANITATION**

- ☒ 11. Waste Disposal
☒ 12. Odor
☒ 13. Ceiling, Wall, Floors
☒ 14. Primary Enclosures
☒ 15. Equipment & Supplies
☐ 16. Washrooms, Sinks, Basins
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①	BACK LOT / UNLOADING AREA - CHAIN LINK FENCING - STRIPPING DAMAGED - REPLACE	
③	LIGHTING IN KENNEL AREA IS VERY POOR - MUST HAVE ADEQUATE ILLUMINATION TO PERMIT ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE, CLEANING AND OBSERVATION OF ANIMALS	
⑥	POOR DRAINAGE NOTED AROUND EXTERIOR STORAGE FACILITY - MUST HAVE ADEQUATE DRAINAGE	
⑦	KENNELS & KENNEL AREA NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND SEALED OR PAINTED MAKING THEM IMPERVIOUS TO MOISTURE DAMAGED CHAIN LINK IN KENNELS - REPLACE DAMAGED CAT CAGES - REPLACE	

☐ APPROVED☒ DISAPPROVED

Date:

11/15/2006

Time:

10:04 AM

Veterinarian:

DEBBIE COWAN DVMTelephone: (336)- 591-8250

Inspector's Signature

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8	TOO MANY CATS IN SOME CAT CAGES (9 CAGES 19 CATS)	
	INCREASE # OF PRIMARY ENCLOSURES & # OF CATS	
10	CATS KEPT IN WIRE BOTTOM CAGES MUST BE PROVIDED A SOLID RESTING BOARD THAT CAN BE EASILY SANITIZED	
14	CATS HAVE NO LITTER BOXES - PROVIDE LITTER BOXES	
16	CLEAN FOOD & WATER BOWLS ARE BEING DRAINED ON THE FLOOR - PROVIDE TABLE OR COUNTER AREA/WORKSPACE BESIDE SINK	
18	GRASS AND WEEDS AROUND FACILITY - MOW WEED	
28	NO ISOLATION FACILITY - DESIGNATE AN ISOLATION AREA FOR ANIMALS BEING TREATED OR OBSERVED FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - HUSBANDRY ISSUES MUST BE ADDRESSED BY 12/15/06	
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED	
<input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVED	
	Date: <u>11/15/2006</u> Time: <u>10:04 A</u>	

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Shelley Swain
 Inspector's Signature

Sarah J. Shumate
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	FORMAL TIME LINE SUBMITTED BY 12/15/06	
	AFTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET ON 12/11/06	
	OTHER: REPLACE SEALS ON CO UNIT	

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To: Ms. Stelly Swain
From: Dr. Debbie Cowan
Date: Nov. 2, 2006
Subject: Euthanasia Procedure at the Stokes County Animal Shelter

Ms. Swain,

As per our conversation on 11/2/06, enclosed you will find the write-up of my visit to the shelter. I went to the shelter on five separate occasions to observe their euthanasia procedures. Currently the shelter performs euthanasia using CO₂ (carbon dioxide).

I tried to discuss the SOP with the director, Sarah Shumate, who advised me that there was no SOP. She informed me that she has been there since this type euthanasia was started and then advised me that she had never been formally trained nor given any instructions on its procedure or protocol. The "Chamber" is a homemade metal "box" that has been welded together on the bed of a dump truck to facilitate disposal. There are two Plexiglas windows that are bolted and sealed on the sides of this frame. Both the frame and the windows were found to leak gas, therefore the "box" is not air tight.

There is no set time for gas distribution into the "box", there is no set inhalation time, there is no set time to check and see if the animals have expired. They are not checked with stethoscopes.

The dogs are carried, or walked up a ramp and then are enclosed in this chamber. They are very scared and this discomfort can be viewed through the "windows". When the CO₂ is started the noise incites them into extreme agitation: trying to climb the walls, running back and forth vocalizing. It takes several minutes for the agitation to stop, although there is much paddling and thrashing prior to their succumbing to the gas. The cats are put in cages that are then placed within the metal box. The cats become extremely agitated and thrash and scabble as they try to get away from the "hissing" noise of the gas being administered. The vocalize to the extreme. With today's technology, and today's views on animals and their care and welfare, and the extreme concern of humanity, I find that this type of euthanasia is deplorable and I would argue that it would not be found to be considered humane.

In all, I find that the Stokes County Animal Shelter is in dire need of addressing their method of euthanasia. I am more than willing to assist with introducing a more humane method of euthanizing animals: injectable euthanasia being the best.

I would be willing to discuss, with the other 5 veterinarians practicing in Stokes County, a system whereby we would assist and train staff so that they could take over the procedure of euthanizing, or perhaps we would do the service.

The entire facility needs to be revamped. There is still minimal heating, the animals are not off the cold cement floors, there is very poor drainage, the cats are not in a heated nor well closed off area. The entire atmosphere is not conducive to adopting animals to the public at-large. In short, the shelter needs to either be upgraded or closed.

Animals should not be picked-up or else some type of arrangement should be made with surrounding counties' shelter to use their facilities until such time as Stokes county can afford to revamp both the shelter and their method of euthanasia.

One suggestion is for Stokes County officials to approach the three major town's that pour animals into the shelter. Walnut Cove, King and Danbury, should help defray costs more proportionately. Since King has the larger population and also has a leash-law, they should pay a larger portion of the shelter budget, with Walnut Cove being next, and Danbury following.

The rest of the communities would then pay equal portions of the expenses for running the shelter.

It is also imperative that the Animal Control force be upgraded and increased in order to take care of the animal burden. As is often the case, the more rural areas seem to have the heavier animal burden, with the more minuscule budget.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to address any questions you may have.

Dr. Deborah Cowan.

